

# CHAGAS DISEASE (American Trypanosomiasis)

- Caused by parasite obtained from kissing or cone-nosed bugs
- Symptoms
  - Acute – fever, tiredness, swollen lymph nodes, abdominal tenderness/swelling, and soft tissue swelling at site of bite
  - Chronic – heart, esophagus, or colon disease
- Countermeasures → Prevent bug bites
  - Use the DOD Insect Repellent System
  - Sleep under a permethrin treated bed net
  - Avoidance of thatched roof housing

